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--How NOT to pray
   --not like the hypocrites or the heathen
   --not to be seen (or heard) by men
   --not with vain repetitions (cf. The Rosary)

--How TO pray
   --in secret
   --to the Father
   --asking in faith
   --“in this manner” (v.9)

--The Prayer Proper

   --Christ's **Primary** Concerns
      --the Name of God
      --the Kingdom of God
      --the Will of God

   --Other **important** concerns
      --material provisions
      --living as forgiven sinners
      --deliverance from evil (the Evil One)

(See also 7:7-12)
Laying Up Treasures  Matthew 6:19-21

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Some other Scriptures to ponder:

- Deuteronomy 8:1-3
- Proverbs 4:23
- Proverbs 23:4-5
- I Timothy 6:6-11
- I Timothy 6:17-19
No man is a fool, who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.

Jim Elliot

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . .”
The Sermon on the Mount—Conclusion
Matthew 7:13-27

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7:21-23 Self-deception of the false prophets

Note the word “Many”! These people have been active in “Christian” service: prayer, preaching, miracles, *but the Lord Jesus Christ never knew them—they are fakes, hypocrites, false prophets—and He sends them away in judgment!*

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Note the emphasis on Judgment:
7:13 7:19 7:23 7:27